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UNNAMED HEROINE

In 2018 the Thompson Reuters Foundation published a survey of the ten most dangerous countries for a woman to be born in and to live in. This survey was based on six key areas: Healthcare, Discrimination, Cultural Traditions, Sexual Violence, Non-Sexual Violence, and Human Trafficking.

According to this survey the countries most hazardous to women were:

1. India
2. Afghanistan
3. Syria
4. Somalia
5. Saudi Arabia
6. Pakistan
7. Democratic Republic of Congo
8. Yemen
9. Nigeria
10. U.S.A.

We would like to honour the woman in these countries where in some cases just being alive is an achievement. For these women heroic acts are not a choice but the cost of being alive. For many, each day is a battle against discrimination and oppression. The UN Secretary-General's UNiTE Campaign vowed to end violence against women by 2030. The work is inspired by all these girls and women, together with Finnish writer and social activist Minna Canth (1844–1897), who as a single mother of seven, challenged and helped change women's rights and education in Finland.

'Gender equality in education benefits every child. Worldwide, 132 million girls are out of school'.
<https://www.unicef.org/education/girls-education>

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I am your mother, your daughter, your sister, your lover, your wife,
your grandmother, your aunt, your cousin

The girls and women born in countries where being female risks being abandoned at birth

The girls who are deprived of access to education

The girls and women who are sold into slavery

The girls and women who are forced to marry men who are not of their choosing

The girls who are mutilated

The women for whom menstruation is problematic

The girls and women who struggle to survive without adequate nutrition

The women who receive no medical support during pregnancy and childbirth

The women who risk their lives to move their families to safety

The girls and women who are victims of domestic violence

The girls and women who are victims of war

The girls and women who are victims of sexual violence

Why would you do this to us?